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TO THE MALBERS OF THE

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE:

Dr. Langer feels that there is not a sufficient amount of business coming up to necessitate calling a meeting of the Committee this week.

So far as progress with equipment, the Cairo and Istanbul posts have been completed. That is to say, two Microfile Model E cameras and two Leica cameras with accessories and developing equipment for both cameras are now on hand.

Mr. George S. Rents left Washington March 24th. Mr. Rents will be going by boat to West Africa and will take with him all of the equipment for both the Cairo and Istanbul posts.

Mr. Thomas, until a few days ago was scheduled to accompany Mr. Rents, but due to travel difficulties Mr. Thomas's departure will have to be delayed. It is hoped, that by sending all of the equipment with Mr. Rents, that Mr. Thomas will then be able to travel with an exceedingly small amount of baggage and may be able to get passage by air.

Dr. Kibre has not yet received her Portuguese visa, and there seems to be little hope that she will receive it before the end of the week, at which time she is scheduled to leave. We have already started, however, to investigate the possibility of sending Dr. Kibre to Berne.

Yesterday a cable was received from Whitney in London in which he announces that he had made arrangements with the Ministry of Information to forward

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to Washington Textual dispatches from Stockholm, Berne and Istanbul, where the Ministry maintains a reading post. These dispatches amount to about five to six thousand words from Stockholm, one thousand from Berne and four to five thousand from Istanbul. We will take immediate steps to obtain these dispatches.

Sincerely yours,

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